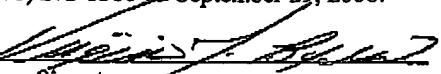


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Sir:

This Reply to Office Action is in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before October 2, 2006, with a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

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